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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

ATTENTION : Mr. []

SUBJECT : [AESIDECAR/2] - Operational Assessment

1. This summary assessment of [AESIDECAR/2's] suitability for use under prescribed conditions is based on a review of his file (which includes psychological assessment, graphological assessment, contact reports, biographical data, etc.); discussions with case officers who have dealt with him; and a brief discussion with the psychologist who performed the initial assessment.

2. Notwithstanding the evidence of many confusing and contradictory aspects of [AESIDECAR/2's] makeup, it is nevertheless reasonable to use him as presently planned: as a link to [] under conditions which are largely under [KUBARK] control. Both the nature of his relationship with [] and the ability to control the operational surroundings, are important considerations.

a. [AESIDECAR/2] tries very hard to be a "good citizen" in the society or milieu with which he is associated; and given proper guidance he will throw a lot of energy into trying to meet this "ideal".

b. In this effort, he is amenable to guidance on a fairly broad front; and he will come to depend on those who give him guidance, support and reassurance, particularly if he has reason to respect them, and if they, in turn, respect him for what he is trying to be. (He is not looking for close, intimate associations, so much as properly regulated ones; and he identifies more with the "system" and the "office" his handlers

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represent, than with any particular incumbent - as long as the incumbent reflects the proper qualities.)

c. Accordingly, as long as his handlers can maintain a "presence" (being available, or at least within easy contact, when not actually in touch with him); and as long as his activity takes place within the "system" (in this case, the US, or the West, or facilities largely under Western control), it is reasonable to count on his loyalty, dedication, devotion to duty, and generally appropriate behavior. Under these conditions, he can also be expected to "draw" someone like [] for whom he already has a basis for respect.

3. It does not follow that he would necessarily defect, or "double", if he is obliged to operate in a denied area, or otherwise outside of environmental and case officer control. But these circumstances are vastly more trying for him. Under these conditions [] would be paramount; and in the absence of the other reinforcing controls, he would have to depend on his own resources and ideals to keep him on the right track. This is the sort of thing which could "tear him apart inside". If it turned out that [] the episode could leave him close to emotional chaos.

4. In short, [AESIDECAR/2] can be very effective, if he is kept in the right environment, and can depend on proper guidance and controls. But he should not be placed for operational purposes, in circumstances in which he has to depend on himself; or in any circumstance where he can't get along by "just being himself."

5. [AESIDECAR/2] does not relish intimate probing. If there are "unresolved questions" about his past, it is better to assume the worst, and to act and to use him accordingly, than to press for more favorable resolutions. Too much effort to surface and satisfy these questions is more likely to destroy him as an asset, than to produce useful results.

6. As a source of information on others, he is likely to be suspicious, cautious, and especially sensitive to anything which constitutes a threat to himself, or his relationships with others. He should be effective in giving matter-of-fact descriptions; and in reporting what he has heard, or what he has been told. He can do a better job of sensing how people feel, than predicting

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how they will behave.

7. Questions of legality aside, AESIDECAR/2 is not a bad candidate for citizenship. If he has chosen to identify with the US, and has found that he can fill a comfortable niche within it, he will "knock himself out" to be a good citizen, as he understands the term. The quality of the image he tries to fulfill will depend on those who define it for him; the energy that goes into filling it will be prodigious.

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